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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, CH, US

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR US PARTICIPATION IN COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES
ON THE DEATH OF CHAIRMAN MAO

REF: STATE 223128

1. PRC EMBASSY IN WELLINGTON HAS OPENED A CONDOLENCE BOOK ON THE
DEATH OF CHAIRMAN MAO AND SENIOR GNZ OFFICIALS (INCLUDING PM MULDOON)

HAVE SIGNED AS WELL AS HEADS OF MANY FOREIGN MISSIONS. MFA ADVISES
THAT IT WAS NOTIFIED OF PRC EMBASSY'S COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES VIA
TELEPHONE CALL RATHER THAN DIPLOMATIC NOTE. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED
DIPLOMATIC NOTE BUT UNDERSTAND THAT NOTES WERE SENT TO WELLINGTON
BASED EMBASSIES OF STATES HAVING FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATINS WITH PRC.

2. EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH PRC MISSION ARE CORDIAL BUY HIGHLY
FORMAL. AMBASSADOR HAS INVITED PRC AMBASSADOR TO THREE INDEPENDENCE
DAY OBSERVANCES DURING HIS 30-MONTH TENURE AND EACH HAS BEEN REGRET-
ED.
NO INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR OR OTHER USG
PERSONNEL FOR PRC FUNCTIONS DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, AMBASSADOR PLANS TO EXTEND HIS PERSONAL
CONDOLENCES TO PRC AMBASSADOR AT SOME LATER, APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY
BUT, UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE BY DEPARTMENT, DOES NOT INTEND TO SIGN
CONDOLENCE BOOK.

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